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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT ON MRS. CARTER LATAM TOUR - JUNE 7

1. MAJOR SAO PAULO PRESS GIVES PROMINENT, EXTENSIVE (AVERAGE: TWO INNER-PAGES) COVERAGE TO MRS. CARTER'S JUNE 7 PROGRAM IN BRASILIA, WITH FRONT PAGE RESUMES WHICH VARY IN SIZE AND TONE FROM MODERATE (CONSERVATIVE O ESTADO, NATIONALISTIC DIARIO POPULAR) TO TOUGH (LIBERAL FOLHA DE SAO PAULO AND BUSINESS-ORIENTED GAZETA MERCANTIL). MAJOR STORIES DEAL WITH CALLS ON GEISEL, CONGRESS, SIMONSEN AND SUPREME COURT. PAPERS USUALLY FOUND MRS. CARTER "EVASIVE, DISAPPOINTING, CAUTIONS" IN ANSWERS TO "TOUGH" QUESTIONS, AND NOTED HUMAN RIGHTS, UNCLEAR ISSUES PREDOMINATED. TEXT IN Q & A FORMAT PUBLISHED BY O ESTADO AND FOLHA DE SAO PAULO. OTHER STOREIS: MRS. CARTER CALL TO PRESIDENT SAYING BRAZIL ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT STOPOVERS IN TOUR; LETTERS ON AMNESTY AND POLITICAL PRISONERS GIVEN HER; ANOTHER DECUMENT ON POLITICAL PRISONERS WILL BE GIVEN IN RECIFE; JIMMY CARTER LETTER DELIVERED TO GEISEL; GEISEL SAW VISIT AS "DEMONSTRATION OF INCREASING INTEREST AND UNDERSTANDING."

2. SAMPLE FRONT PAGE HEADLINES: "I'M GOING TO TELL JIMMY EVERYTHING" (LIBERAL FOLHA DE SAO PAULO REPORTING MRS. CARTER'S VIEW BRASILIA TALKS "VERY GOOD"); "ROSALYNN DEALS WITH (HUMAN RIGHTS AND RECEIVES DENUNCIATIONS" (O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO); "A DIFFICULT MISSION" (GAZETA MERCANTIL); "ROSALYNN SAYS 'WE'RE NOT MORALISTS'" (CONSERVATIVE DIARIO POPULAR).

3. MOST PAPERS FRONT PAGE PHOTO OF GEISEL-CARTER EXCHANGE OF GIFTS.

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4. GAZETA MERCANTIL'S EDITORIAL "REFLECTIONS ON AN IMPORTANT VISIT" COMMENTS: "THE INCIDENTS INVOLVING DELIVERY OF LETTERS TO MRS. CARTER WILL CERTAINLY INFLUENCE THE PICTURE SHE AND HER AIDES WILL PAINT OF THE CURRENT BRAZILIAN SITUATION... PRESIDENT CARTER RAISED A FLAG WHICH IS NOT ONLY HIS, BUT THAT OF ALL CIVILIZATION... WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT THE EMPHASIS GIVEN BY (CARTER) TO HUMAN RIGHTS.... BE INTERPRETED AS A DIPLOMATIC WEAPON AGAINST BRAZIL. ... IT WOULD BE DEPLORABLE IF THE STUDENTS' ATTITUDE WERE INTERPRETED AS A GRATUITOUS INSULT TO GOB AUTHORITIES."

5. UNSIGNED COLUMN "CRITICAL POINT" IN DIARIO DE SAO PAULO SAYS THAT "THE LETTER FROM THE STUDENTS WAS DELIVERED TO MRS. CARTER AND WAS THEN RELEASED TO THE WHOLE WORLD. AND DESPITE REGRETS ABOUT THE LACK OF PATRIOTISM, OUR 'DIRTY CLOTHES' WERE WASHED INTERNATIONALLY, WITH THE WORLD AS AUDIENCE. THE EFFECT OF THIS WILL CERTAINLY BE EVEN WORSE.

DIARIO DE SAO PAULO COMMENT UNDER TITLE "PERILS OF DENOMINATIONS":

"THE GRAND DAME" SAID WITH ALL NAIVETE AND CHARMING INNOCENCE,
THAT SHE WILL HAVE VISITED FOUR DEMOCRACIES AND THREE
DICTATORSHIPS.... IF A GOVERNMENT CALLS ITSELF A DEMOCRACY,
LET'S TAKE IT AS IT IS, SINCE TO TALK ABOUT DICTATORSHIP IS
UNIVERSALLY REPUGNANT. THE "GRAND DAME" WILL HAVE VISITED ACTUALLY
SEVEN DEMOCRACIES, EACH ONE WITH ITS OWN CHARACTERISTICS AND
ACCORDING TO ITS MASTERS' TASTES."

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6. O ESTADO AND FOLHA DE SAO PAULO CARRY PROMINENT REPORTS ON INCIDENTS AT CONGRESS WHEN WOMEN'S AMNESTY MOVEMENT LEADER TEREZINHA ZERBINI TRIED TO HAND A LETTER TO MRS. CARTER AND WAS "PUSHED VIOLENTLY BY SECURITY AGENTS AND ONE CONGRESSIONAL GUARD." I ESTADO STORY HEADED "INCIDENT SCARES VISITOR." BOTH PAPERS DETAILED STRONG REACTION BY OPPOSITION CONGRESSMEN. I ESTADO QUOTES CONGRESSMAN PAULO MARQUES SAYING MRS. CARTER MUST HAVE ASKED "THE SAME QUESTION THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING A LONG TIME: WHAT COUNTRY IS THIS?" ANOTHER O ESTADO STORY NOTES "A MOMENT OF EMBASSAMENT IN CONGRESS, WHEN A SECURITY GUARD (REFERRING TO TODMAN) ASKED: "WHY DOES THIS NEGRO (CRIOLO) WANT TO GET INTO THE SENATOR'S OFFICE?".

7. FOLHA DE SAO PAULO'S RECIFE BUREAU REPORTS RECIFE AUTHROTIES RELAXED "WHEN ARCHBISHOP HELDER CAMARA DEPARTED FOR PARIS YESTERDAY ..." STORY ADDS THAT UNTIL HE LEFT THE COUNTRY "THERE WERE QUIET COMMENTS IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES ABOUT THE EMBASSING POSSIBILITY OF AN INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN MRS. CARTER AND DOM HELDER, GIVEN THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN JORNALISTS IN MRS. CARTER PARTY.

8. ULTIMA HORA, BRIEFLY DESCRIBES DELIVERY OF FEMININE MOVEMENT FOR AMNESTY LETTER. CALLS IT "FREEDOM MAIL" IN REFERRING TO EXPECTATION THAT MRS. CARTER WILL CARRY IT WITH HER.

9. UNDER INNER BANNER "EGIDIO INDIGNANT OVER STUDENTS' LETTER," FOLHA DA TARDE QUOTES SAO PAULO GOVERNOR: "THE MOST SERIOUS PART OF THIS DOCUMENT ... IS THAT THE STUDENTS ASK FOR THE INTERFERENCE OF A FOREIGN POWER IN BRAZIL. AT THE SAME TIME THAT THEY REJECT THE NOTION OF U.S. INTERESTS IN OUR REGIME."

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10. WIRE SERVICES DISPATCHES IN SOME PAPERS REPORT THAT AS PART OF A "SPECIAL SECURITY PROGRAM ADOPTED FOR CARTER VISIT ... ABOUT THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE - MOST OF THEM (BECAUSE THEY) DID NOT

CARRY IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS - WERE ARRESTED BY COLOMBIAN
ARMY AND POLICE PATROLS IN BOGOTA."

1. TV COVERAGE: ALL SAO PAULO JUNE 7 EVENING NETWORK NEWS
REPORTS CARRIED 3-MINUTE FILMCLIP MRS. CARTER'S BRASILIA
ACTIVITIES. NARRATION STRESSED DELIVERY OF LETTER FROM CARTER
TO GEISEL, RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM TEREZINHA DURING CALL ON CONGRESS,
AND HUMAN RIGHTS, NUCLEAR ISSUES. TV TUPI CONSIDERED MRS. CARTER'S
ANSWERS "EVASIVE." TV GLOBO'S JUNE 8 "GOOD MORNING, SAO PAULO"
COMMENTED: "IN PRESS CONFERENCE, MRS. CARTER" SKILLFULLY AVOIDED
ISSUES THAT MIGHT ENDANGER FAVORABLE
ATMOSPHERE (OF U.S.- BRAZIL RELATIONS) HER VISIT CREATED."
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